



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
**LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION**  
STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
RALEIGH 27601-1096

**Legislative Research Commission**  
**Advisory Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration**

**Section 1.** The **Legislative Research Commission Advisory Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration** (hereinafter "Advisory Subcommittee") is established by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-30.10(c).

**Section 2.** The Advisory Subcommittee consists of 24 public members listed below; 12 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a co-chair from among their respective appointees. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

<b>President Pro Tempore Appointments</b>	<b>Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointments</b>
James Leutze, Co-chair, New Hanover County	Douglas N. Rader, Co-chair, Wake County
Orlando Hankins, Wake County	Lawrence Cahoon, New Hanover County
Jane Lewis-Raymond, Mecklenburg County	Joel J. Ducoste, Wake County
Christopher S. Martens, Orange County	Edward S. Holmes, Orange County
Mac Montgomery, New Hanover County	Jamie Brown Kruse, Pitt County
Michael K. Orbach, Carteret County	John M. Monaghan, Jr., Wake County
Walter Phillips, Carteret County	Hans W. Paerl, Carteret County
Wayland Sermons, Beaufort County	Jane Smith Patterson, Orange County
Laura O. Taylor, Wake County	M. Paul Sherman, Wake County
Paul Tine, Dare County	W. Hugh Thompson, Wake County
William Weatherspoon, Wake County	Jeffrey D. Warren, Wake County
Nancy White, Dare County	Rob Young, Jackson County

**Section 3.** The Advisory Subcommittee shall study:

1. The implications of leasing federal waters off North Carolina's coast in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf to energy companies for oil and natural gas exploration.
2. Relevant federal law and the legal authority of the State of North Carolina with regard to offshore drilling.